

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
APPROPRIATIONS**

Wednesday, March 7, 2007

3:50 p.m.

Room 352 State Capitol

The House Standing Committee on Appropriations was called to order by the Chair, Representative George Cushingberry, Jr.

An Invocation was given by Representative Robert Dean, State Representative from the 75th District.

Members present: Representatives Cushingberry, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Espinoza, Gonzales, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Agema, Moss and Nofs.

Members absent/excused: Representatives, Gillard, Cheeks, Hammel, Hood, and Acciavatti.

The Committee met jointly with the House Standing Committee on Tax Policy.

The attendance was taken for the Tax Policy Committee

Representative Sak moved to approve the minutes of the meetings held on February 21 and February 28, 2007. Without objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Rep. Gonzales moved to excuse absent members. Without objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Cushingberry offered opening remarks to the Joint Committee meeting.

Rep. Bieda, Chairman of the Tax Policy Committee, offered opening remarks.

Chairman Cushingberry called for testimony by the presenters.

The first presenter was State Treasurer Robert Kliene. Mr. Kliene gave a presentation before the committee on Michigan's economic and revenue situation, followed by questions and answers.

The second presenter was Dr. James R. Anderson, Michigan State University, Professor of History and Economics. Dr. Anderson gave a presentation on the economic history of Michigan, followed by questions and answers.

Lastly, Mitch Bean, Director of the House Fiscal Agency gave a presentation on the impact of state tax policy on job growth, followed by questions and answers.

There being no further business to come before the Joint Committee Meeting on Tax Policy and Appropriations, the meeting was adjourned, the time being 6:15 pm.

Representative George Cushingberry, Jr. Chair_____

Darlene Moore, Committee Clerk, (517) 373-2994

Proposed